

**HOLMESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2023**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Mr B Wheat (Chairman), Dr M Blagden, Mr B Hoare, Mrs C Huckerby, Mr P Reaney, Mrs S Reaney, Mrs H Stuart-Bamford, Mr W Rosser  
 Mrs E Boswell – Clerk to the Council  
 Two members of the public

**18/23-24 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor Mr T Marples

**19/23-24 Declaration of members' interests on agenda items**

Councillor W Rosser Item 7a Proposed Diversion of Footpath 9

**Dispensations on member's interests on agenda items**

None

**21/23-24 Public Speaking**

(a) Members of the public

Mr and Mrs Lee addressed the meeting regarding the Council's objection to divert Footpath 9. The reasons being for their privacy, security and safety. Their converted barn has full length windows extending both floors and lots of walkers stand and stare in at their property.

It was suggested that SS19 sets a precedent for footpath diversion if they meet three criteria namely in the interest of the landowner, must not substantially be less convenient and shouldn't negatively impact on enjoyment of the path. These three criteria are being met and therefore the Parish Council has no legal right to object.

The Parish Council's objection does not prevent the footpath's diversion, but the objection makes it more difficult as the decision will be made by the Secretary of State and their consultant has asked them to point out that the cost of the public inquiry may fall to the Parish Council.

It was raised that in the November Meeting that Councillor Rosser had not declared an interest. The Clerk answered that the diversion of the Footpath had no effect on Councillors Rosser's property and therefore he had not declared an interest. However, following the telephone conversation on 18 May 2023 where you raised a concern, he was advised to declare an interest in this meeting for transparency.

It was also raised that at the May meeting it seemed that this was the first time councillors had seen the plans

The Clerk answered that this is not the case as the plans were sent to all Councillors with the November 2022 meeting papers.

Councillors raised a number of points that the objection had not been personal, but that they wished the route of the footpaths in the Parish to retain their historic route and this is what the objection is based on. It was raised that they knew the path was there when purchasing the barn and when putting large windows on the side where the path was situated. They omitted all mention of the path in their planning application. It was suggested that a fence may rectify the issue. It was pointed out that the Chairman's house sits at the far end of the footpath and that in the years he had lived there he had never had an issue with walkers.

Councillor Wheat was told that he should be declaring an interest, which as he had no pecuniary or other interest he declined to do.

Under this section the meeting had to be called to order by the Chairman.

The two members of the public left at this point.

**(b) Police Report / District Councillor / County Councillor**

The Written Police report included 4 crimes reported in May 2023, these included 1 theft, 1 burglary, 1 public order, 1 violence against the person.

PCSO Jonathan Flowers also raised a few animal related concerns; one of which resulted in a person sustaining a minor injury by pet dog whilst on a walk.

A poster has been supplied "are you in full control of your dog? Please consider putting your dog on a lead - Police Advice -Under the law any dog (of any breed or type) can be considered dangerous in any place if it is not kept under control. The dog doesn't have to bite anyone, it could just show aggressive behaviour that makes someone feel in fear for their safety

There have been a couple of burglaries reported and residents are asked to be extra vigilant during the hot weather when leaving doors and windows open. A further poster has been supplied.

An investigation is ongoing following an incident in Millthorpe with a speeding vehicle.

**22/23-24 Appointments and Portfolios**

Councillor Blagden – Transport and Village Hall

Councillor Hoare – Village Society and Playground

Councillor Huckerby – NEDDC Liaison, Penny Acres, Holmesfield Relief in Need and Holmesfield Education Foundation Charities

Councillor Marples - Football Field, Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Councillor P Reaney – Road Safety, Footpaths and Bridleways, and Henry Fanshaw Foundation

Councillor S Reaney – Peak Park and Dronfield Relief in Need Charity

Councillor W Rosser – Environment Issues

Councillor Wheat – Planning, Newsletter and Holmesfield Amenity Trust

**Resolved:** To appoint the above portfolios

**22/23-24 Minutes**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17 May 2023

**Resolved:** To approve the Minutes for signature by the Chairman.

**23/23-24 Planning****Applications Received**

(a) 23/00464/FL - Mr A Mackley - The Gorse Millthorpe Lane Holmesfield - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a single two storey dwelling with detached garage to front

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

(b) 23/00468/TPO – Mr Williams – Franklin House, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield – Application to crown T1,T2,T3 Sycamore trees covered by NEDDC Tree Preservation Order 55

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

(c) 23/00525/FLH – Mr J Cox – 52 Main Road, Holmesfield – Demolition of part of the existing two-storey dwelling. Proposed two-storey side extension and single-storey side and rear including raising the roof height.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection

**Decisions**

(a) 23/00208/FLH – Penny House, Horsleygate Lane, Holmesfield - ReRenewal of extant planning consent for proposed erection of detached green oak building containing double garage, (tractor/mower store), 2 stables, feed store, tackroom and associated storage (Re-submission of 20/00549/FLH) (Conservation Area) - REFUSED

**24/23-24 Meeting Reports**

(a) Request by resident to reconsider the Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 9 (Part)– Parish of Holmesfield which was objected to on 9 November 2022

**Resolved:** To ask the Holmesfield Footpaths and Bridleways Society for their view on the diversion

**Resolved:** To establish the legal position on the Parish Council as statutory consultee being purportedly liable for public inquiry costs

**Resolved:** To establish the insurance companies position on public inquiry costs for a statutory consultees objection to a matter.

(b) Unmetered electricity supply to Millthorpe Telephone Box  
N Power have sent bills for seven years of the unmetered supply for the telephone box at Millthorpe. These have been paid as they are in the Clerk's home address. The Clerk is currently awaiting a reply from Western Power as to the procedure and cost for disconnecting the supply.

**Resolved:** To note

### **25/23-24 Councillors' Reports**

(a) Village Society – There are lots of plans underway for the summer, and the scarecrows look great around the village.

(b) Road Safety Issues – The Clerk has attempted to contact a number of Parish Councils that have recently had a speed indicator device installed. The feedback has been limited. The advice has been received to complete the form and let Derbyshire County Council undergo site visits and help with the application.

(c) Footpaths – No report

(d) Newsletter & Website – four adverts are currently outstanding; one final chance to pay or the adverts will be removed.

(e) Transport – No report

(f) Playground – Some maintenance has been undertaken in the park, but more painting is required as are other works.

**Resolved:** Clerk to source picnic benches for discussion at next meeting

**Resolved:** Clerk to request grounds maintenance contractor to remove horse from the play area.

**Resolved:** Clerk to report to Derbyshire County Council residents request for light on the paved area between bungalows 14 and 15 Woodside View – due to fear of tripping / falling.

(f) Football Pitch – No report

(g) Peak Park – Cllr Reaney will follow up whether the enforcement notice has been served yet with regard to the caravans at Owler Bar

(h) Neighbourhood Watch – No Report

(i) Environment – There have been issues with unruly dogs affecting farm stock. The pavement from the Old Robin Hood to Owler Bar is now almost totally covered by vegetation.

(k) Village Hall – Floor tiles have been sourced and quotes are being sought from tilers.

### **26/23-24 Finance**

(a) Balances at 31 May 2023

Business High Interest Account: £48,671.88; Current Account: £0.00; Bonus Saver Account: £15,293.59

(b) Income May 2023

Hall Hire	£2312.50
Adverts	£250.00

(c) Expenditure

SSE – Gas	DD	£156.17
SSE - Electricity	DD	£67.44
NPower – Unmetered Supply 2016-2022	BACS	£266.69
Water Plus – Water	DD	£185.09

Pynot Publishing - Newsletter	BACS	£270.00
Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd – Newsletter	BACS	£540.00
Holmesfield Village Society – Christmas Tree	BACS	£220.00
S Hewins – Grounds Maintenance	BACS	£612.40
B Wheat – Chairs Honorarium	BACS	£175.00
Wages	BACS	£1757.14
HMRC – PAYE and NIC	BACS	£271.03
Nest Pensions – Pension	DD	£58.15
Hall refund for cancelled booking	BACS	£153.00
<b>Resolved:</b> To accept all the above accounts for payment		

### **27/23-24 Circulars and Notices**

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Newsletter – June 2023

Derbyshire County Council

- Temporary speed limits at Owlbar - 18th July 2023 to 18th July 2023 09:00 to 15:30 It will be necessary to prohibit traffic from travelling at a speed in excess of 40 mph (30 mph past work site), at Owlbar Interchange, Owlbar and for a distance of 100 metres on each approach to the interchange - to facilitate highway maintenance works

Peak District National Park Authority

- Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement
- Save the date! 7th Oct Parishes Day
- An Update on the PDNPA Planning Service
- An ambitious vision – the new National Park Management Plan
- Closure of Visitor Centres paused

Peak Park Parishes Forum

- Peaks and Dales Line - Bakewell Public Meeting

### **28/23-24 Information**

None

### **29/23-24 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 12 July 2023 at 7.30pm

To hold no meeting in August 2023

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

Chairman.....12 July 2023